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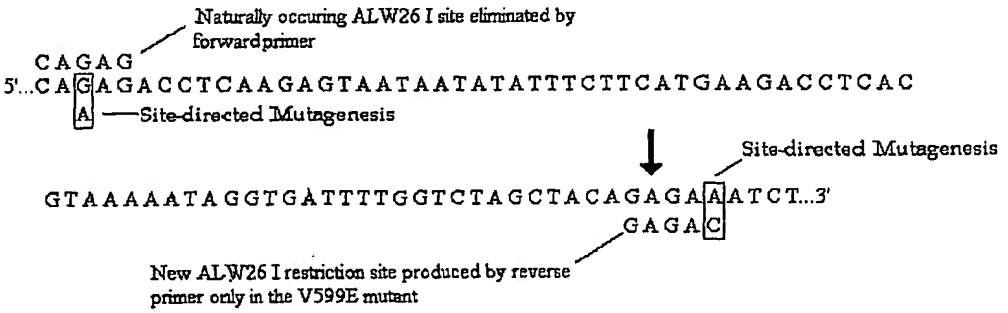

(57) Abstract: The present invention is directed to a novel method for detecting a mutation in a target nucleic acid sequence. Such methods may be used to detect a mutation in a target nucleic acid sequence derived from a biological sample. Exemplary biological samples include, but are not limited to, samples derived from patients such as bodily fluids, tissues or cells. The methods of the invention are useful for detecting a mutation in a target nucleic acid sequence in such patient samples and thus, are of utility for diagnosing a disease in a patient and/or predicting a predisposition of a patient for a disease.

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